

## 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade Term 2 – Common Core State Standards Writing Assessment

### W 2 Informative/Explanatory

**Writing Directions:** You will write a paper about a topic that you are interested in, and that you would like to learn more about, or your teacher will help you select a topic. The topic should be about science or social studies. Think about the topics you are learning about now in Science or Social Studies.

Your teacher will help you find more information about the topic. Use more than one source to find information about the topic. You will need to look for more information in the library, internet, newspaper, or talk to an adult. You will take notes on the new information. Use a graphic organizer to organize all the information. Think about how you want to write your paper before you begin to write. Use your graphic organizer, and notes to write your paper.

Remember to provide a title for your paper. Using your own words, and in an interesting way, introduce the topic at the beginning of your paper. Next write two or three additional ideas or details about it. Then write a good ending. Reread the paper aloud several times to check for correct spelling, grammar, complete sentences, capitalization, and punctuation. Revise your paper to make it better. To clarify the information for the reader, include some of the following text features: captions, illustrations, diagrams, headings, bold print, a glossary or an index (RI 7, RI 5, RC 2.7).

### **Topics**

Some possible topics may be:

The Food Groups  
Farm Animals  
An Animal  
How Plants Grow and Change  
How Animals Grow and Change  
Kinds of Animals  
Kinds of Plants  
Animal Habitats

*\*\*The research and the writing process will take place **several days** before the final copy is written. You will brainstorm, write a rough draft, edit, and revise before composing their final copy.*